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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ' STATEMENT FROM ALGIERS

REF: A) STATE 48538 B) QUITO 1477

1. ECUADOREAN PRESS (QUITO'S EL TIEMPO, AND GUAYAQUIL'S EL UNIVERSO) HAVE CARRIED DISPATCHES FROM ALGIERS DATED MARCH 4TH, REPORTING A FURTHER STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ, COMMENTING ON THE UNFORTUNATE EXCHANGES OVER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S HOUSTON SPEECH. THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED HERE BY SENDIP (THE OFFICIAL GOE INFORMATION AGENCY) LENDS CREDENCE TO THE NOTION THAT THE GOE IS CONCERNED THAT PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ' STATEMENT FROM POINT A PITRE (QUITO 1477) NOT BE OVER-REACTED TO. IT MAY ALSO REFLECT CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR CARDENAS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS (STATE 48538).

2. BENEATH THE HEADLINE "ECUADOR DOES NOT SEEK A CONFRONTATION WITH POWERFUL NATIONS", EL TIEMPO'S COVERAGE GOES ON TO QUOTE FROM THE TEXT OF AN OFFICIALLY-INSPIRED (SENDIP)

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RELEASE DATED ALGIERS: "BOTH THE DISTANT AS WELL AS

RECENT PAST SHOW THAT LESSER-DEVELOPED NATIONS HAVE NEVER SOUGHT TO PROVOKE A CONFRONTATION WITH THE MORE HIGHLY-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, EITHER ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, OR ECONOMIC OR FINANCIAL. WE HAVE ALWAYS PROFESSED A POLICY OF SEEKING LOANS, WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPENSIVE, TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER GOODS WITH WHICH TO MODERNIZE OUR ECONOMY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE HAD TO PAY HIGH TARIFFS AND TAXES TO HAVE OUR (MANUFACTURED GOODS) ADMITTED INTO THE MORE HIGHLY DEVELOPED ECONOMIES." THE RODRIGUEZ STATEMENT GOES ON TO DESCRIBE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR BOTH PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES TO SIT DOWN AND RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES, AND THEN CONCLUDES " I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN THE NATIONS OF EUROPE, ASIA, AND THE UNITED STATES, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF ABANDONING UNILATERAL TACTICS, BASED ON SELFISH ECONOMIC INTERESTS WHICH ANY ONE NATION MIGHT SEEK TO IMPOSE UPON OTHERS. WE ARE TOGETHER, IN THIS WORLD, AND EACH DAY OUR INTER-RELATIONSHIPS BECOME CLEARER. THE DRAMA OF WORLD CONFLICT CAN ERADICATE THE HUMAN PRESENCE ON THIS PLANET, BUT IT CAN NEVER BRING US TOGETHER IN PEACE."

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